

may be deemed best, and appear in the name of the United States so as to remove all claims from the title of said lands, and that in such action or actions to be instituted, as aforesaid, any person or persons in the possession of or claiming title to any land or lands under the United States involved in such action or actions may, at his or her expense, unite with the United States in the prosecution of said action or actions for the purpose of forever settling the title or titles of the person or persons claiming said lands.

Approved, March 3, 1882.

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### NUMBER 6.

#### JOINT RESOLUTION AND MEMORIAL Relative to Construction of Hennepin and Rock Island Canal.

WHEREAS, The agricultural, manufacturing, and commercial interests of the northwest, and no less so those of the entire country, are largely dependent for their development upon a full enjoyment of facilities for the transportation of products and commodities; and,

WHEREAS, The two great interior water-routes of transportation in the United States are those of the Mississippi River from north to south, and of the lakes, with the Erie Canal and the Hudson River, from west to east; and,

WHEREAS, A direct all-water connection between those two great routes is indispensable to a complete service to the interests which so imperatively demand improved and cheaper routes of transportation, since without such a connection there can be no real use by the northwest of a water-route to the east, nor by the east to the northwest; and,

WHEREAS, The general assembly of Iowa did, in 1864, again in 1870, and still again in 1874, memorialize congress for the construction of a canal to connect the Mississippi River with the Illinois River, on a line running eastward from or near Rock Island; while Governors Merrill, Carpenter, and Gear have also in official communications urged that congress should undertake this greatly needed work of improvement; therefore,

*Resolved*, That *the Senate, the House concurring*, respectfully memorialize the congress of the United States to authorize, provide for, and require, by enactment of its present session, an early construction of a canal, for commercial purposes, from Hennepin, on the Illinois River, to or near Rock Island, on the Mississippi River.

*Resolved*, That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use all possible and proper exertion to secure from the body in which they respectively serve the passage of a bill, at the present session, ordering the immediate beginning of the work of constructing the canal herein mentioned, and to vote liberal appropriation therefor, to the end that the said canal may be completed and opened to the commerce of the country at the earliest possible date.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions, duly signed by the president of the senate, and attested by the secretary, be forwarded to each of our senators and representatives in congress, in order that the same may be duly presented to the respective bodies in which they serve.

Approved, March 3, 1882.

## NUMBER 7.

### INVESTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE FUNDS.

**MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION** in Relation to the Investment of the Endowment Fund of the Iowa Agricultural College.

WHEREAS, It is provided by section 4, of an act of congress, entitled "An act donating public lands to the several states and territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts," approved July 2, 1862, that all moneys received from the sale of land donated by said act shall be invested in stocks of the United States, or of the state, or some other safe stocks, yielding not less than five per centum upon the par value of said stocks; and,

WHEREAS, The fund arising from the sale of the land granted the state of Iowa by the said act can be safely and more profitably invested in approved real estate securities;

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. That our senators be instructed and representatives in congress be requested to use their influence to secure such amendment to the present law as will permit the state to loan said fund on real estate security, under such rules and regulations for its safe investment as the general assembly shall hereafter adopt.

SEC. 2. That the secretary of state be directed to forward to the president of the United States senate and the speaker of the house of representatives a copy of the foregoing resolution, with the request that the same be laid before each house of congress, and that a copy be sent to each senator and member of congress from this state.

Approved, March 11, 1882.